SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ : Sir, I move :

"Tbat the Bill be returned."

rhe question was put and the motion was adopted.

THE VIQE-CHAIRMAN (SYED 5IBTEY RAZI) : I shall now put the motion regarding considerafon of the High Court and Supreme Court Judges (Conditions of Service) Amendment Bill, 1993, to vote.

The question 's ':

"That the Bill further to amend the High Court Judges (Conditions of Service) Act, 1954 and the Supreme Court Judges (Cond"-tions of Services) Act, 1958, as passed by the Lok Sabha, be taken info consideration."

The motion was adopted.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SYED SIBTEY RAZI) : We shall now take up clause-by-clause consideration of the Bill.

Clauses 2 and 3 *were added to the Bill.*

Cfcuse 1, *the Enacting Formula and the Title were added to the Bill.*

SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ : Sir, I beg to move :

"That the B ll be returned."

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

THE INLAND WATERWAYS AUTHORITY OF INDIA (AMENDMENT) BILI., 1993

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SYED ^PTEY RAZI) : We shall now take up the Inland Waterways Authority of India (AmendiBsnf) Bill, 1993. There were two or three speakers. Bui they have agreed that this is a non-controversial Bill and t could be passed without discussion. 3'nce only Mr. Ashis Sen wants to speak, he can speak. Now, the Minister to move the Bill.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : Sir, I beg to move :

"That the Bill to amend the Inland Watenvays Authority of India Act, 1985, as passed by the Lok Sabha, be taken into cons'deration."

The question was proposed,

SHRI ASHIS SEN (West Bengal) : Sir, considering the pressure of time, I would like fo confine myself within two or three m nutes.

I support this Bill because it ends the dichotomy between the Inland Waterways Authority of India Act and the Ind'an Vessels Act as far as determining the breight and are of the passengers is concerned. While supporting this Bill, I would like to point out certain things. Our country is full of riverine infrastructure which could be fully utilized for the purpose of transport cf goods and passengers in our country. But, while mentioning this, I would like to say that there is the Raja Bagan Dockyard in the Garden Reach area of Calcutta which manufactures and produces steamers and small shipping vessels which feed the var ous ports n the country. But I find today that in spite of there being thousands of skilled workers and engineers, full utilization of that Dockyard is not being made. Even though we would like to have improvement and. betterment of the waterways, I would like to request the Minister to see, while abolishing this dichotomy, that the purpose for which this is being done is .served, and that most cf the small vessels and steamers are ordered for from the Raja Bagan Dockyard in the

Garden Reach area of Calcutta which would be able to feed most of our ports with small vessels.

Thank you very much, and I support this Bill.

Some HON MEMBERS : What is the Ministry's reaction ?

SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER : Of course. I wll consider it.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SYED SIBTEY RAZl) : I shall now put the motion to vote.

The question is :

"Thai the Bill *to* amend the Inlant Waterways Authority of India. Act, 1985, as passed by the Lok Sabha, be taken into considera tion."

T}w motion was adopted.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SYED SIBTEY RAZI) : We shall now take ur clause-by-clause consideration of the Bili.

Clauses 2 & 3 *were added to the Bill.*

Clause 1, *the Enacting Formula, and the Title were added to the Bill.*

SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER : Sir, I be." to move ;

That - the Bill be passed.

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SYED SIBTEY RAZI) : Now, there is a state-
ment by the Agriculture Minister.

SHRI SANGH PRIYA GAUTAM (Uttar Pradesh) : Sir, let the clarifications be tomorrow.

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY (Fondi-chery) : Sir, it is a very im^rtant matter. We should d.scuss it today. We are the affected people.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SYED SIBTEY RAH) : Mr. Minister, please proceed. .... *(Interuptions)* .... Mr; Gautam, please The Afiaister is on his legs.

Yes, Mr. Minister.

STATEMENT BY MINISTBR

Situation Aris'ng out of recent cyclO' nic storm and floods Particularly in Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry and the relied and rehabilitat'on Measures taken by the Government.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN TTHE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM) : Mr. Vice-Chair man, Sir, I seek leave of the House to make a statement on the situation artsitig out of lecent cyclonic stom and floods, particularly in Tamil Nadu and pondi-cherry and the relief and rehabilitatiofl measures taken by the-GoVernnient.

2. As the Members are all aware, the east and west coasts of India iare highly prone to tropical cyclones arisieg in the Bay of Bengal and Arabian Sea. Oa-aa average; about 5—6 tropical cyclones form in the Bay of Bengal and the Arabian sea every year, out of which 2—3 become severe.

3. A cylonic stona developed over.tho Bay of Bengal on 2nd December, 1993 intensified into a servere cyclonic storm on the next day. This, with a core of hutri cane winds crossed the Tamil Nadu coast around 11.00 hrs. on 4th December, 1993 near Karaikal in Pondicherry. Under its influence, coastal areas of. *Tamil* Nadu experenced heavy rains, strong winds and high seas. The monsoon which accompanies the cyclonic storm caused heavy rainfall in the coastal districts of Andhra Pradesh and Pondicherry also. The ia-tense rainfall accompanied by high. velocity winds resultnl in flash floods, floods in the rivers and plains and sea erosion in the affected areas.